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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR JAVITS TO LATIN AMERICA

1. SENATOR HAS EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR SPLENDID ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO HIM IN CONNECTION WITH HIS RECENT TRIP TO BRASILIA, RIO DE JANEIRO, SAO PAULO, LIMA, PANAMA, BOGOTA AND CARACAS. HE REALIZES DIFFICULTIES CREATED FOR POSTS BY LATE CHANGES IN HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE, BUT IS PLEASED WITH POSTS SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO REARRANGE PLANS, ETC.

2. SENATOR IN REPORT TO SENATE (CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, JANUARY 22, PP.S - 287-306) MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT TRENDS SINCE HIS 1966 TRIP ARE THE LOSS OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN SEVERAL LA NATIONS AND VERY SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC GROWTH IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

-- THE NEW DIALOGUE HAS JOINED PREVIOUS PROGRAMS TOWARD UNCLASSIFIED

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LA (ALLIANCE, ETC.) AS OUTDATED. A NEW ECONOMIC PARTNER-

SHIP IS REQUIRED THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT LA'S INCREASING ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

-- THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT MATTER OF MUTUAL CONCERN FOR THE US AND LA. SETTLEMENT ON THE TACK-KISSINGER PRINCIPLES IS ENTIRELY IN ORDER-- THE CANAL MUST BE OPEN, SAFE, EFFICIENT AND NEUTRAL.

-- TORRIJOS IS A DEDICATED NATIONALIST, ANXIOUS FOR A QUICK SETTLEMENT OF THE CANAL ISSUE. WHILE HE CANNOT COMMIT PANAMA INDEFINITELY TO NEGOTIATIONS, JAVITS CAUTIONED HIM NOT TO PUSH THE US TOO HARD.

-- SOME MEANS (E.G., EXPORT ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGH OUR GSP) MUST BE FOUND TO TRIM BRAZIL'S TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE US.

-- BRAZIL CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY TO GROW ECONOMICALLY OUTSIDE A DEMOCRATIC FRAMEWORK AND EFFECTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS SAFEGUARDS. BRAZIL, HOWEVER, HAS ESTABLISHED AN ATTRACTIVE CLIMATE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

-- IN PERU, GEN. MORALES BERMUDEZ IS WIDELY REGARDED AS A PRAGMATIC AND STABLE LEADER, AND IT IS HOPED HE WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S MOUNTING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

-- US/PERUVIAN RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY AS A RESULT OF THE SETTLEMENT OF A SERIES OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES, AND THE PROGRESS ON MARCONA. THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN PERU, HOWEVER, REMAINS CONCERNED OVER THE NATIONALIZATION TREND. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMS UNDER WHICH TNES WOULD OPERATE.

-- PERU IS PRO-ANDEAN PACT. THE US SHOULD SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION EFFORT.

-- JAVITS WAS IMPRESSED DURING HIS FIRST VISIT TO COLOMBIA BY THE VITALITY OF THE COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
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AND THE NATION'S DETERMINATION TO STAND ON ITS OWN.

-- COLOMBIA'S MAIN CONCERN WITH THE US IS IN EXPANDED TRADE. US TREATMENT OF TEXTILES AND LEATHER IS BOTHERSOME.

-- HE EXPLORED WITH COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITY OF GREATER US COOPERATION WITH THE ANDEAN GROUP, EITHER THROUGH A US/ANDEAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION OR REGIONAL TARIFF

PREFERENCES FOR ITEMS NOT COVERED BY GSP.

-- COLOMBIA IS PROCEEDING WITH GRADUAL NATIONALIZATION; A NUMBER OF BUSINESSMEN THERE BELIEVE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IS NOT DOING A SATISFACTORY JOB IN HELPING NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR.

-- THE COLOMBIAN ECONOMY IS HEALTHY BUT THE SUSPENSION OF ANDEAN SECTORAL NEGOTIATIONS IS A NEGATIVE FACTOR.

-- DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD REGARDING THE NEED FOR US ASSISTANCE IN HELPING COLOMBIA TO CONTROL THE NARCOTICS TRADE.

-- A TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT BANK WOULD BE HELPFUL.

-- REASONS FOR DELAY IN SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE QUINTA SUENA TREATY ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD IN COLOMBIA.

-- THE SINGLE GREATEST SOURCE OF IRRITATION IN VENEZUELAN-US RELATIONS IS THE GSP EXCLUSION. WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

-- VENEZUELA, A COUNTRY WITH STRONG DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATIONS, IS STRUGGLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF WISE USE OF ITS OIL REVENUES, AND WITH GETTING THE BENEFITS OF THESE RICHES TO THE POORER ELEMENTS OF ITS SOCIETY.

-- HE FOUND THE GREATEST FEELING OF SENSITIVITY, ALMOST HOSTILITY, TO THE US IN VENEZUELA. THOUGH BY NO MEANS A PERVERSIVE FEELING OF A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE, IT IS A WARNING SIGN THAT A NATION WHICH IS COMING ALONG RAPIDLY BEGINS TO TAKE A CERTAIN PRIDE AND DIGNITY IN ITS STAND.

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-- LATIN AMERICA "IS A TOTALLY NEW CONTINENT NOW, WITH NEW STRIVINGS, NEW WEALTH, NEW PRODUCTIVITY, A NEW SELF-RELIANCE AND A NEW SENSE OF ITS OWN IMPORTANCE IN THE WORLD. JUST AS EUROPEANS HAVE A PROFOUND SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH AFRICA, I URGE MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE A COMPARABLE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COUNTRIES OF ALL OF LATIN AMERICA, WHICH WILL BE FORTIFIED BY OUR LOYAL AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THEM IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES." KISSINGER

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